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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

I and my husband are retired senior citizens. With Trump in office and his deregulation of businesses, prices overall have risen substantially, which have affected our budget negatively. We cannot continue to absorb increasing fees from multiple avenues and still be able to meet our basic needs. The failed nuclear power facilities carry much of the blame for this unrealistic increase that Duke Energy is requesting.

Customers had no say in the decision of having these facilities built. The fact that they failed to produce any power is not the fault of their intended customers, customers who have NOT RECEIVED AN IOTA OF BENEFIT OF SERVICE from these worthless failures. Yet, Duke wants to pass off the costs to its customers. The costs should be absorbed by the CONTRACTORS WHO BUILT THE FAILED PLANTS! They didn't deliver on their part of the deal, so why should we even bother to pay them a cent? They should be sued for any investment already made toward the project, instead of rewarding them with payment via the pockets of customers.

Many customers feel that the burden of paying for this worthless pile of nothing should be born by the State of South Carolina and others associated with the contracting of those power plants. The state should dip into its coffers to support paying for a failure they were involved in. Customers should not have to find a way to bear this burden. SAY NO TO DUKE'S REQUEST TO INCREASE OUR BILLS!

Sincerely,  
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